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In addition, Applicant submits the references listed on sheet 5 of the attached PTO Form 1449. These references were cited in a Protest filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.291(a) with the Patent and Trademark Office, and in Third Party Observations filed in accordance with Article 115 EPC with the European Patent Office. Copies of the Protest and Third Party Observations are also enclosed.

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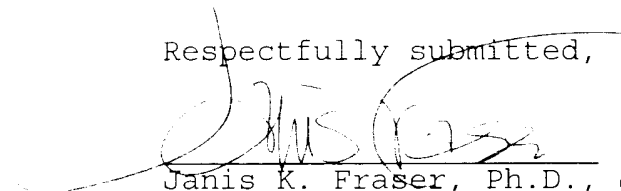
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